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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, NSCIC WORKING GROUP

SUBJECT: Key Intelligence Questions for FY 1975

(U) In his memorandum of 10 October 1974, Dr. Kissinger
requested that the NSCIC Working Group members provide to you
comments or suggestions on the Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs)
for 1975. Accordingly, the following are submitted for your con-
sideration.

(U) OSD is particularly interested in the use of this program,
or a later version, to relate intelligence resources to intelligence
substance and thus improve the effectiveness of our resource allocations.
In addition, we fully support the related objective of improving intel-
ligence products by using the KIQs and the KIQ Evaluation Process (KEP).

(S) The Deputy Secretary of Defense, in commenting on the
initial KIQs, emphasized the importance of developing a short list of
specific, factual questions, the answers to which would demonstrably
impact major near term decisions. The FY 75 KIQs represent a definite
improvement in this regard. For example, FY 75 KIQ No. 16 --
"What progress have the Soviets made in development of follow-on
anti-ship missile systems? Include the characteristics of the guidance
systems." -- fills a gap in the FY 74 KIQs considered serious by OSD.
FY 75 KIQ No. 7 -- "What are the accuracies of the Soviet SS-X-16,
17, 18, and 19 ICBM systems?" -- represents an improved focusing on
CEP. However, it still lacks a key element of the OSD suggested KIQ:
determining the Soviet estimate of the accuracy. Finally, some critical
intelligence gaps are still not included: e.g., are the Soviets storing
nuclear weapons in Eastern European satellite country storage sites,
and if so, in what quantities and locations? There is no FY 75 KIQ

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corresponding to this important question. I suggest that you review the suggested FY 74 KIQs submitted to the DCI by the Deputy Secretary of Defense on 8 December 1973, and ensure that they are specifically included in the FY 75 KIQ/KEP.

(U) In summary, the OSD believes the KIQ/KEP represents a start toward what should become a useful mechanism to assist in the management of the intelligence community. We are pleased to note that the reorientation of the NSCIC Working Group has been directed toward increasing user participation. Likewise, we will work to ensure that the KIQ/KEP process also includes more consumer inputs.

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